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SUBJECT: REFUGEES: NEW PORTUGUESE PLAN, REQUEST FOR U.S.
ASSISTANCE

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1. DURING OFFICIAL CALL ON PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AUGUST 9,
1975, AMBASSADOR RECEIVED HAND-WRITTEN NOTE REQUESTING U.S.
ASSISTANCE IN ASSURING SUPPLIES OF JET AND OTHER FUELS FOR
ANGOLA. PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR U.S. INTERVENTION IN
ASSURING MOBIL DELIVERS THESE PRODUCTS TO LUANDA. FAILURE
TO DISCHARGE THESE FUELS HE SAID, WILL RESULT IN SEVERE SHORTAGES,
SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPING EVACUATION PROGRAM.

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2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF HAND-WRITTEN NOTE:

FROM: FIRST LT. SABINO GUERREIRO

TO: HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE FROM THE INTERIM HIGH COMMISSION OF
ANGOLA, AUGUST 8, 4:00 P.M.

REQUEST DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE TO EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING THE SHIPS MOBIL REFINER DO
LARGO IN LUANDA AND THE SHIP CONASTOGA FROM BEING REROUTED
TO OTHER PORTS.

SECURITY CONDITIONS WERE ALREADY GUARANTEED BY THE
PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES FOR THE DISCHARGE OF GASOLINE, GAS
OIL, JP-4 AND JP-1, WHICH THESE SHIPS ARE CARRYING.

NEWS OF THE DETOUR OF THESE SHIPS TO OTHER PORTS WAS
SENT BY MOBIL OF NEW YORK TO MOBIL OF LISBON.

IF THIS DETOUR IS IMPLEMENTED, LUANDA WILL BE WITHOUT
GASOLINE AND THE EXISTING STOCKS OF JP-4 AND JP-1 WILL BE
RESERVED FOR TAAG (ANGOLAN DOMESTIC AIRLINE) AND FAP
(PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE).

THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED
RESPONSIBLE AMERICANS, I.E. THE COMMANDERS OF THE SHIPS,
REQUESTING THAT THEY ACCEPT THE SECURITY MEASURES
MADE AVAILABLE AND PROCEED TO DISCHARGE THE MATERIAL
WHICH THEY ARE CARRYING. SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE.

3. AFTER READING NOTE TO AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT GAVE HIS
PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT PORTUGAL WOULD PROVIDE FOR SECURITY
OF THE SHIPS.

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